

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

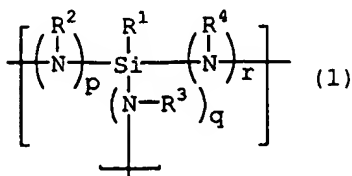
[1] (currently amended) A coating composition ~~characterized by~~ comprising: a polyalkylsilazane compound; an acetoxysilane compound; and an organic solvent.

[2] (original) The coating composition according to claim 1, which further comprises a pore forming agent.

[3] (original) The coating composition according to claim 2, wherein said pore forming agent is a copolymer comprising a siloxy-containing polyethylene oxide compound or a siloxy-containing polyethylene oxide compound as monomer units.

[4] (currently amended) The coating composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said polyalkylsilazane compound comprises repeating units represented by general formula (1):

[Chemical formula 1]



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that all of R<sup>1</sup>'s of the whole compound do not simultaneously represent hydrogen;

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$R^2$  to  $R^4$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that all of  $R^2$  to  $R^4$  do not simultaneously represent hydrogen; and

p, q, and r each are 0 or 1 and  $0 \leq p + q + r \leq 3$ .

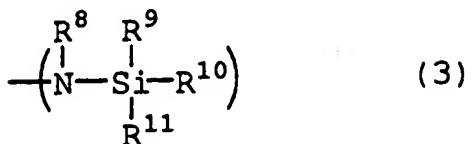
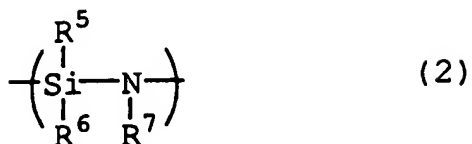
[5] (currently amended) A siliceous material ~~characterized by being~~ produced by coating a coating composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 onto a substrate or by filling a coating composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 into a frame or a groove, and firing the coating composition.

[6] (currently amended) A semiconductor device ~~characterized by~~ comprising a siliceous material according to claim 5 as an intermetal dielectric.

[7] (currently amended) A process for producing a siliceous material, ~~characterized by~~ comprising heating a coating composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 at a temperature of 350°C or below for 1 to 60 min.

[8] (new) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said polyalkylsilazane compound further contains one or both groups represented by formulae (2) and (3)

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wherein R<sup>5</sup> to R<sup>11</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that both R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> do not simultaneously represent hydrogen and all of R<sup>9</sup> to R<sup>11</sup> do not simultaneously represent hydrogen.